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HATHOR Progress Report for October, November, and December, 1948.

1. HATHOR'S status has been complicated since the end of September by his lack of housing in Wiesbaden and by the illness of his wife during November and December. [] felt during the past three months that the housing problem would be solved at any moment, so the progress reports due for October and November were delayed. The situation has now cleared enough to be set down.
2. Despite help from OMG Hesse, it has not been possible to find suitable living quarters in Wiesbaden for HATHOR and his wife. After careful preparation, HATHOR was ready to move into an apartment which he had located and which had been assigned to him by local German authorities after MG intervention. MG aid was disguised as an attempt to help HATHOR's book import business on behalf of JFIA. German authorities, including fnu ERNST, deputy chief of the Wiesbaden Wohnungsamt and a schoolmate of HATHOR, were cooperative. But at the last minute the Hesse Befreiungsministerium wanted to place one of its officials in the apartment. To avoid a public clash, HATHOR deferred to the official, a well-known persecutee named fnu MOERL. His action in passing-up the cherished apartment was taken on his own initiative and is a tribute to his security.
3. In November HATHOR's wife was taken ill with a gall complication, and HATHOR spent several weeks with her in the Westerwald, French zone. She has now recovered.
4. Our future plans for HATHOR depend largely on the steps now being taken by Allied authorities to permit the setting up of a tri-zonal criminal police office for Western Germany. After conferring with Graham L. Page of BOB, KOB has decided to delay a decision on HATHOR until the tri-zonal criminal police office begins to take shape. It is thought that he will be able on his own merit to secure a position in

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the new office, probably in the identification service. His whole future usefulness is jeopardized, of course, by the fact that his war-time activity for the United States is known as a result of his denazification trial. Because of his high intelligence and cooperative attitude, however, it is felt that his retention is worthwhile. He makes no demands, accepts no salary, and exhibits very satisfactory idealistic motivation.

5. The general trend of police developments in Germany has been explained to HATHOR, and he has agreed to wait for his final placing. The final location of the new criminal police office is a decisive factor, and his housing problems will have to be delayed until the site is known. To help him financially and to provide a springboard for the jump into the tri-zonal office, HATHOR may in the meantime accept a position in the Landeskriminalpolizei of Hesse, where he has many friends. He will do this, of course, without our help.

6. HATHOR's financial situation has for some time given grounds for suspicion about his loyalty and orientation. He accepts no salary for us, has no job, and yet manages to live. When questioned on this matter, he explained that his father-in-law settled about 12,000 RM worth of securities on him in 1941. Since then he has gradually liquidated this capital. When he returned from Switzerland he brought with him a number of books, of which he has sold sixty since the currency reform. His father, a pensioned school teacher, sends him about 50 or 60 Deutsche Mark a month to help him make ends meet. He lives on about 100 to 150 DM a month, and [] has noted the modest standard of his living. At [] request, HATHOR is preparing a detailed report on his past and present financial resources, including numbers of security certificates, and receipts from book sales.

7. HATHOR admits an old Swiss attempt to recruit him when he left that country in 1947, but he firmly denies any present contact with the Swiss police. He denies all connection with the French as well. HATHOR was asked about his willingness to take a CARRIAGE test, and he immediately accepted. As a criminal expert, he is familiar with literature on the subject. [] will now investigate the possibility of having HATHOR tested on the CARRIAGE at the 27th CID Laboratory in Frankfurt. The operator there, a Sgt. CUMPSON, is known to [], and an arrangement can be made whereby HATHOR will not discover the [] also operates CARRIAGE.

8. At the instance of [] HATHOR has been asked to submit a proposal on the structure and organization of the new tri-zonal criminal police office. His report should be in [] hands before the end of December.

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Acting Chief

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